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REPORT CLASS S E C R E T--WNINTEL-[redacted] 3.5(c)
COUNTRY: ARGENTINA
SUBJECT: ARRIVAL IN ARGENTINA OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE MONTONERO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION; PLANS TO ESTABLISH A JOINT OPERATION OF TWO INTELLIGENCE SERVICES TO WORK AGAINST ANY NEW TERRORIST NETWORK [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)

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1. DURING THE WEEK OF 19 JULY 1982, THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, THE OPERATIONAL ARM OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE), RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REPORTS [redacted] CONCERNING THE 3.3(b)(1)
MOVEMENT OF MIDDLE- AND UPPER-LEVEL MONTONERO LEADERS. ONE OF THE REPORTS, [redacted] INDICATED THAT 10 MONTONEROS WHO HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO 3.3(b)(1)

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AND EL SALVADOR HAD LEFT CENTRAL AMERICA. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)
[redacted] THESE MONTONEROS MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE ARGENTINA TO REESTABLISH TERRORIST OPERATIONS. 3.3(b)(1)

2. ON 22 JULY, THE 601ST BATTALION DETECTED THE ARRIVAL OF FOUR MIDDLE-LEVEL MONTONEROS AT EZEIZA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN BUENOS AIRES. THE FOUR MONTONEROS, WHO HAD BEEN OUTSIDE ARGENTINA FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WERE IMMEDIATELY PLACED UNDER 24-HOUR DISCREET SURVEILLANCE [redacted] AS OF THE EVENING OF 27 JULY, THE FOUR MONTONEROS WERE IN BUENOS AIRES BUT HAD MADE PLANS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY ON THE MORNING OF 28 JULY. ([redacted] 3.3(b)(1)
COMMENT: THE 601ST BATTALION HAD NO PLANS TO PREVENT THEIR LEAVING THE COUNTRY; OFFICIALS [redacted] BELIEVED IT WOULD BE LESS USEFUL TO DETAIN THEM THAN TO MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITIES AND THOSE OF THE PEOPLE THEY CONTACTED.) 3.3(b)(1)

3. DURING THE FOUR MONTONEROS' STAY IN ARGENTINA, SOME OR ALL OF THEM WERE IN CONTACT WITH SUSPECTED MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCA), AND AN ARGENTINE SOCIALIST PARTY, AS WELL AS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AN ACTIVIST METALLURGICAL AND TEXTILE UNION IN THE VICENTE LOPEZ SECTION OF BUENOS AIRES. ONE OF THE MONTONEROS RENEWED HIS CONTACTS AT THE FACTORY WHERE HE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED, WHICH WAS REPRESENTED BY THE METALLURGICAL AND TEXTILE UNION. ([redacted] COMMENT: DURING THE URBAN TERRORISM OF THE MID-1970'S MEMBERS OF THIS UNION HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING AMONG THE MOST MILITANT IN THE BUENOS AIRES AREA.) 3.3(b)(1)

4. AS A RESULT OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FOUR MONTONEROS AND THE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT OTHERS MIGHT BE RETURNING TO ARGENTINA, THE 601ST BATTALION AND THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE INTELLIGENCE (SIDE) HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT OPERATIONAL UNIT TO WORK AGAINST ANY NEW TERRORIST NETWORK. THIS UNIT WILL BE PATTERNED ON THE "EL DORADO" ANTI-SUBVERSIVE GROUP THAT OPERATED DURING THE MID-1970'S. THE UNIT WAS EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION BY EARLY AUGUST AND IT WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ITS ACTIVITIES BY ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE THE ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH THE FOUR MONTONEROS ESTABLISHED CONTACT.

5. ([redacted] COMMENTS:
A. [redacted] THE FOUR MONTONEROS ENTERED THE COUNTRY USING THEIR OWN NAMES, DID NOT KNOW IF THE 601ST BATTALION HAD RECEIVED ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR EXPECTED ARRIVAL. 3.3(b)(1) 3.3(b)(1)

B. OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO, ARGENTINE SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAVE GROWN INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY BY THE MONTONEROS; THIS CONCERN, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY CAUSED BY THE GROWING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, IS LIKELY TO INCREASE WITH THE EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE ARGENTINE DEFEAT IN THE FALKLANDS. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF AN INCREASE IN MONTONERO PRESENCE OR ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA.)

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